

"NATION THE FEELER WORSE THAN DUMMY BEFORE CLOTHING STORE,"

IS NEITHER SQUARE DEAL FOR THE ENEMY NOR LABORING MAN, HIS PLEA FRIEND

Yet "He That Is Not With
Me Is Against Me," Says
Rev. Caspar Wright.

CHURCH NEEDS A NERVE TONIC

Stewards Hired His Time,
But Do Not Control His
Mouth, He Declares.

"What are you afraid of? The man
who won't take sides amounts to no
more than a dummy in front of a cloth-
ing store--not so much, for a dummy
can't back up. I have no respect for
the fellow who won't come out in the
open, but I do respect even an enemy
who is not afraid to say where he
stands." This was one of Dr. Wright's
perceptions.

"He that is not with me is against
me." St. Matthew, 23rd verse and
11th chapter, was the text of the
sermon by Dr. Caspar S. Wright at
Trinity Methodist church Sunday night
and 12th chapter, was the text of his
preached a sermon that told his
congregation and all El Paso that he was
not "on the fence."

"You stewards of this church, have
just got my time employed; you haven't
bought my mouth," is the way he told
his congregation that he meant to
preach against any evil in El Paso that
deserved it, regardless of who ob-
jected.

"A man is the smallest thing in the
universe if he is not on the side of
wrong and still won't be for the side
of right," is the way he disposed of
the men "on the fence," afraid to take
a stand.

"I hate these old fence riders, un-
certain, afraid they are going to hurt
themselves by doing something, by
taking a stand on something," is the
way he replied to a message that he
said had been sent to him during the
week warning him that while he was
mightily popular in El Paso, he was
going to make himself hated if he
didn't quit "meddling." "The idea of a
little two by four selling me to quit
meddling. I have been here 18 months
and I have just been wandering around
and getting sight of the game; now I
am ready for the hunt; my guns are
oiled and loaded and my chuck box is
packed," he continued.

His sermon was not rapid; it was
temperate, but it was specific. It was
a plea for the moral awakening of the
church people of El Paso.

"The Influence That Seeks to Control
El Paso" was the subject of the ser-
mon and Dr. Wright said that it was
superfluous for him to argue what in-
fluence has controlled and still controls
El Paso. "A moral influence has long
existed in this community," he de-
clared, and this influence is still seek-
ing to control the community. I would
be one of the saddest men in the coun-
try if I didn't think this influence
would continue to control. Is this
moral influence worth recognition?

Awakening of Moral Influence.
"It is high time the moral influence
of El Paso had a conviction on certain
things, such a conviction that it cannot
be frightened away," he exclaimed. Then
he told just how small he thought
a man is who falls to take sides on a
question as above quoted, and then
told the stewards who controlled his
mouth. He told them he valued their
work and cooperation, "but I am amen-
able to a greater body, the true body
of the great universe," he said.

"I am going to be on one side or the
other of any question where there is
right and wrong." Some of you said
last Sunday that I did not preach from
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Minister Declares That Neither the Church Nor Capital
Has Given the Working Man a Fair Deal in the
Past--Says the Church Is on the Eve of a
Great Awakening.

"The Church and Laboring Men," was
the subject of a special sermon at the
First Christian church Sunday evening
by Mr. Rice, the pastor.

The 19th century witnessed remark-
able progress in wealth, in wisdom
and in freedom, said he, but there re-
mains much to be done before the ideal
social conditions shall have been at-
tained, the progress that has been
made only makes more evident the
work that is to be done. It is because
we have gone as far as we have, and
done as much as we have for the com-
plete redemption of man that we are
feeling the stress of present condi-
tions.

Social Ferment Evident.

A mighty social ferment is evident to
all thinking people. The laborer is en-
gaged in a gigantic struggle, not merely
for higher wages, or for shorter
hours, but for his manhood, for him-
self and all that as a man he counts
as dear in the world. He has begun to
feel his worth as an individual and
is demanding recognition. Once he was
content to be regarded as chattel and
to work as a horse or an ox, for food
and shelter. Now he knows that he is
a man and is demanding that he be
treated as such. Once he was content
to be a slave, now he is demanding
freedom, and he is shaking the very
foundations of the social order.

Man Against Selfishness.

Insofar as it is man against human

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LIBERALS GAINING ON THE UNIONISTS

London, England, Jan. 24.—The Lib-
erals have materially increased their
score owing to today's returns from Sat-
urday's election for members of parlia-
ment. They retain 15 seats previously
held out of a total of 17 contests.

The popular vote in the British elec-
tions has been as follows:
Unionists, 2,265,527.
Liberals, 2,234,315.
Labourites, 2,255,115.

This gives the united Liberal-Labor
party a majority of 152,803 in a total of
5,287,157.

David Lloyd George, chancellor of the
exchequer, and author of the budget
which led to the general elections, was
re-elected but his majority was 146 less
than last time.

INCOME TAX ENDORSED IN THE FORUM DEBATE

The income tax won. Presented by
P. M. Dent, the affirmative of the
resolution that the income tax was a
good thing--push it along--won in a
walk at the Forum session Saturday
night. Vance Stewart had the negative
and received one of the three votes for
his clear presentation of his point.

J. K. Prather talked on the current
events of the week for the enlighten-
ment of the members who had been too
busy to read and C. G. Titus gave a
talk on "Savings."

PLEADS IMMUNITY FROM SUGAR TRUST PROSECUTION

New York, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Charles R.
Helke, secretary of the American Sugar
Refining company, sought today to
avoid prosecution for alleged sugar un-
der-weighting frauds on the claim of
having taken the "immunity bath."

When Helke was arraigned this morn-
ing, his counsel presented the plea that
his client had appeared on several occa-
sions before the grand jury which in-
vestigated the sugar frauds and there-
fore was entitled to immunity.

The court took the matter under ad-
visement.

LISTENING TO COMPLAINTS AGAINST A RAILROAD

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 24.—Special ex-
aminer Hillier, representing the Inter-
state commerce commission, today com-
menced a hearing to learn whether the
St. Louis, Western and Gulf railroad
was justified in raising the export tur-
ner rate from 7 to 9 cents per 100 from
Oskaloa, La., to Port Arthur, Tex.

The Industrial Lumber company is
complaining.

soul as well as a body and he reserves
the right to preserve and nurture his
higher nature. Once he was willing
to have his children grow up in com-
parative ignorance, to become his com-
panions in toil, and at an early age
help to make a living for the family.
Now he wants his children to have op-
portunities like the children of his em-
ployer.

Salaries Not Better.

Everybody admits that in many re-
spects the lot of the laborer is better
today than ever in history. That is
just the reason he wants it to be still
better. It is greatly to his credit that
he is not satisfied with present attain-
ments. He has become more of a man
and is feeling the impulse of his high-
er nature. He feels keenly the in-
equalities that exist and is asking for a
readjustment that he may have the full
and rightful rewards of his toil.

He makes request and is denied. He
unites with other men in the same
situation and makes demand. He is met
with arrogance, demands with counter de-
mands, and the war is on. It is a
gigantic war and is shaking the very
foundations of the social order.

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31 DEAD IN A CANADIAN WRECK

Toronto, Ontario, Jan. 24.—Thirty-one
dead, two missing and 46 injured as the
total toll of the Spanish river disaster
of Friday night.

Both coaches have been raised from
the river and the dead removed. There
may be a few bodies in the river but
the officials are not inclined to ad-
mit.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLS HIMSELF GETTING READY TO HUNT

Athens, Tex., Jan. 24.—B. L. Nelson,
a farmer who resided four miles south
of the city, died this morning from a
wound inflicted by the accidental dis-
charge of a shotgun. Nelson was pre-
paring to go hunting. The weapon fell
from a table and the far discharged it.
He was aged 47.

TO BUILD BRIDGE OVER RIO GRANDE AT LAREDO

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—The sen-
ate today passed a bill which authorizes
the construction of a railroad bridge across
the Rio Grande between Laredo, Texas,
and Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

JAPS KILL PROTECTED BIRDS IN HAWAII

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—Twenty-
three Japanese have been arrested on
the Hawaiian Islands under regulations
preventing the destruction of birds of
plumage. They will be turned over to
the United States marshal at Honolulu
for trial.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA POSTMASTERS ARE NAMED

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—Nom-
inations were sent in by the president
today as follows: Postmaster at Fort
Bayard, N. M., Robt. S. Fisher; at Wil-
cox, Ariz., Kasper Hauser.

ALLEGED MURDERER WANTED.

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 24.—It is learned
that governor Stubbs, of Kansas, will
ask governor Haskell to honor the
request of Tom Jameson, with many
aliases, charged with the murder of
Frank Little at Arkansas City, Kan.,
several months ago. Jameson is in jail
here.

BIG RANCH SOLD.

Brownsville, Texas, Jan. 24.—The H.
J. Martin ranch near San Fordyce was
sold today to Boston syndicate for
\$100,000. The tract contains about 10,
000 acres and a syndicate expects to cut
it into small farms and sell it to east-
erners. The tract lies in Starr and Za-
pata counties.

Paris, France, January 24.—One fourth of the entire area of France is under
water. The flood damage is the most severe in the history of the nation.

GRAND JURY AFTER MEAT TRUST COST OF DEEP NEW YORK IS LAND FRAUDS WATER TOO IN FIGHT ON HEAVY THE TRUST SENE

Too Much Money Spent in
Deepening Rivers, Thinks
Government Commission.

PEOPLE MUST USE THE RIVERS MORE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—Almost
every section of the country will find
subjects of local as well as general in-
terest. In the preliminary report of the
National Waterways commission, sub-
mitted to congress today.

This preliminary report recommends a
general plan of conservation of water
power, with the shaping of projects in the
light of future needs of streams; re-
sult to federal and state legislation
rather than unnecessary channel im-
provements merely to force reduction of
freight rates with inhibition of the
other hand of manipulation of such
rates to freeze out state competition;
a uniform system of distribution of cost
of waterway improvement between fed-
eral, state and local governments; avoid-
ance of multiplication of ports; restric-
tion of dam construction permits; inau-
guration of such waterway projects out-
ly as can be completed within a reason-
able time; a federal tax on power fur-
nished to consumers; reservation by the
government of the right to alter or re-
peal power grants.

Government's Right.

The commission holds that the federal
government has no proprietary right or
interest in navigable waters, which
would authorize the collection of tolls.
It believes that each consent to con-
struct a dam should provide that the
grantee, whenever necessary to subserve
navigation interests, must construct and
furnish power for a lock suited to the
locality and to probable traffic develop-
ment.

Power developed at government dams
for navigation or irrigation purposes
should be utilized and adequately charg-
ed for. The commission recommends
that before the granting of rights to
construct dams in any navigable stream,
the whole stream or at least such part
as will be affected by the proposed
construction, should be surveyed; that, if
constitutional authority therefor exists,
the grants should authorize the secre-
tary of war or other officials to regu-
late the charge for the power furnished
consumers and should expressly reserve
to congress the right to alter, amend or
repeal.

Rivers and Railroad Rates.

While not denying the tendency of
river improvements to lower railroad
rates, the commission holds it unde-
sirable to expend money upon river chan-
neling solely for this effect on rates. The
fundamental criterion it says, should
be whether a railway or a waterway,
when constructed or improved, will be a
profitable investment. Pointing out
that the railroads have temporarily re-
duced rates and continued them upon a
lower basis until competing water lines
have been driven out of business, the
commission recommends that when a
rate is once reduced by a railroad, the
rate should not be permitted to be raised
again, unless after hearing by the
interstate commerce commission, or other
competent body, it should be found
that such proposed increase rests upon
changed conditions other than the elimi-
nation or decrease of water competition.

Harmony Suggested.

The most essential requirement for the
rehabilitation of water traffic is assert-
ed to be the establishment of harmoni-
ous relations between railroads and wa-
ter lines. In practically every case of
water routes the boats are operated, the
report says, in connection and in har-
mony with railway lines. The commis-
sion believes transportation facilities
will be still further promoted by com-
pact joint rates and prorating agree-
ments through bills of lading and phys-
ical connections.

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Government Takes Steps at
Chicago to Probe the
Packery Business.

PORK TAKES A DROP IN PRICE

New York, N. Y., Jan. 24.—New York
today is in the thick of the fray for a
reduction in the cost of living.

A grand jury investigation into the
meat question is pending, a prosecutor's
inquiry into the cold storage situation
has begun, meetings in protest against
high prices of food have been called and
pledges of abstention from meat are
being numerously signed.

The grand jury today also began in-
quiry into the milk process to learn
whether New Yorkers are paying 3 cents
a quart for milk because of a combine
of those greedy for bigger profits.

Going After the Packers.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24.—The work of
preparing the case of the government
against the big packing concerns in this
city was begun in earnest in the United
States district court today before Judge
Landis.

A special federal grand jury was se-
lected to hear the evidence and decide
whether indictments would be returned.
Every precaution was taken to keep
the identity of the witnesses a secret.
A large number of secret service op-
eratives apparently have been brought here
from other cities.

Pork Drops.

The widespread agitation against the
high price of meat made itself felt here
when pork declined to 67 1/2 from 71 1/2
cents, Saturday's closing figures. Other
products also should decline.

January pork showed a lot less of 90
cents a barrel at the close of trading.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 24.—Buyers

representing the packers were at the
stockyards early today to take advan-
tage of any reduction in the price of
livestock, but there was no unusual
change in quotations. It is said to be
the purpose of the packers to lay in a
big supply of livestock should the
prices fall, but farmers and ranchers,
it is said, will stop shipping should the
boycott affect prices at the stock-
yards.

Practically all labor unions in this

city have not enlisted in the crusade
against high prices.

Women's Extravagance Blamed.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Jan. 24.—High
prices of food are due as much to the
extravagance of American women who
have the spending of the wages of Amer-
ican workmen as to the avarice of the
tariff protected trusts, according to
E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa
Barbara railroad.

"Most housewives will pay three to
four times as much for foods done up in
fancy packages as they will for same
foods without the frills," he says.

THE PRICE OF EL PASO MEAT

Local Butcher Talks About
Juarez and El Paso
Products.

"The Times is trying to bring the
boycott to El Paso when the price of
meat has not been raised here. I think
it is an imposition," declared T. W. Ar-
doin this morning in speaking of the
meat agitation.

"It goes to the trouble of finding out
that people are going across the river to
buy meat. If they do go across what do
they buy? They have one straight
price, all the way through in Juarez.
Porterhouse steak is the same price as
steak and when the porterhouse is gone
the purchaser pays the same price for
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LOSS IS HEAVY IN MANY CITIES

Property and Life Suffer as
Result of Unprecedented
Floods of Rivers.

GOVERNMENT GIVES AID

Laborers Thrown Out of
Work and Prices of Food
Are Advancing Rapidly.

Paris, France, Jan. 24.—The eastern,
central and southern districts of
France are terribly afflicted. Valleys
and plains are inundated and towns are
in darkness.

The cities of Montargis, Macon, Cha-
lons-sur-Saone and Epemay and the
entire champagne country are experienc-
ing the most disastrous flood since 1856.

Water in many villages along the
Saone and Marne rivers reaches to the
roofs of the dwellings.

The property loss will run into mil-
lions of francs.

Fortunately the loss of life has been
small.

TEN VILLAGES INUNDED.

The dyke at Soane an Doubs broke
this evening, inundating ten villages.
The streets of Chalons are under water
and two persons were drowned. Hun-
dreds of persons are on the roofs of
their nearly submerged homes, crying
for help. Boats are used by rescuing
parties.

NINE TOWNS FLOODED.

At Rheims, yesterday's snowstorm
was succeeded today by torrential rains
and the river Marne is rising rapidly.

Tours-sur-Marne is under water and
10 houses have fallen. A score of other
buildings will probably collapse.

PARIS IN PERIL.

The flood situation in Paris reached
a more critical stage this morning.

The Seine rose nine inches between
2 o'clock and 12 o'clock and the river is
now higher than since 1802, which was
the highest point recorded in the his-
tory of France except in 1615.

A terrible tempest of wind and rain
which swept over Paris at daylight only
added to the horror of the situation and
to the suffering of the poor and home-
less.

BRIDGES IN DANGER.

Firemen, police and troops are work-
ing like mad at all the bridges, dis-
mantling blockades, resulting from float-
ing debris and it is hoped that all
bridges will be saved. The yellow ter-
ror, however, is almost flush with the
floors of the bridges, and traffic on the
trailer ones has been stopped.

All cellars along the quays are full
of water, the streets around the cham-
ber of deputies are considered unsafe
and traffic on those thoroughfares is
forbidden.

The basement of the Palace of Jus-
tice is full of water and the first floor
of central police station is untenable.

WATER FAMINE CONTINUES.

A partial crippling of water supply
threatens the city with a water famine.
Surface and underground railways are
partially suspended, but railroad traffic
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TRIE SUICIDE ON GRAVE OF FATHER

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 24.—Earl Kaufman, 23 years old, chose his father's
grave yesterday as a place to attempt to commit suicide.

This fact caused him to fall in his purpose. Physicians who attended
him said the action of the poison which Kaufman swallowed was retarded by
the cold and damp of the cemetery, and declared that had the poison been
taken in a warm room, death would have come quickly.

ROCK ISLAND TRAINS FROM MEMPHIS SOON

Tucuman, N. W., Jan. 24.—The long expected completion of the Tucum-
cari & Memphis railroad, between here and Amarillo, will soon be a real-
ization. The work of closing only 15 more miles of the "gap," it is believed, will
be finished by the middle of February, and trains will be running from Memphis
to El Paso, by the way of this place, shortening the present route 100 miles,
and opening up some of the finest farming country in the great southwest, be-
tween here and Amarillo. The steel laying crew is now putting down the
tracks and have reached Rock Island, a little town on the state line, and only
15 more miles of track remain to be laid.

HOW A PAIR OF SHOES COST A LIFE

The Sad Story Of Little Fermin Navarette, Crushed By Automobile.

Resplendent in a pair of new shoes,
4 year old Fermin Navarette trudged
after his father and his big brother
Saturday night, homebound. So intent-
ly engaged in watching the splendor of
each tiny shoe as it was thrust out in
ambulation was little Fermin that he
trilled far in the rear of his longer
legged kinfolk.

And so when the homebound shop-
pers crossed the corner of Overland and
Stanton streets, little Fermin was far
in the rear. For the moment he forgot
his new shoes, and ran very fast to
make up his lost ground. There was a
sudden crash in the world of little Fer-
min and all was darkness.

With a jerk the big automobile came
to a stop and W. E. Talbot, owner and
driver, ran back where a man was
standing holding something in his arms.
The father held a small body in his
arms, a small bundle. At one end of
the bundle were two shiny new shoes.
At the other, a blood blotted something,
a little boy's head. The father was
crying softly. The boy was dead.

This is the story of how a pair of
new shoes caused the first fatal auto-
mobile accident in El Paso. The unfor-
tunate driver of the car was arrested,
charged with criminal negligence. But
cozener, Watson, who conducted an in-
quest, found witnesses who declared
that the automobile was running at a

very slow rate of speed, and that the
little boy ran directly in front of the
wheels. The driver was released, and
the word "accidental" recorded. A
charge of reckless driving is registered
against him at police station.

There is a little home down at the
end of First street, a street laborer's
home. Today there will be a funeral,
and a father and mother and many
little brothers and sisters will attend.

It will be the funeral of a very little
boy, named after his father.

And so the little boy will be taken
away and put in the ground. And with
him will go, no doubt, a pair of little
shoes, bright, shiny, new shoes—the in-
nocent cause of it all.

JUDGE ASKS PEOPLE TO HELP SUPPRESS CRIME

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 24.—Following numerous holdups and burglaries
Judge Edward Dwyer of the 27th district court today, in charging the grand
jury, called upon the people to assist in suppressing the crime wave by re-
porting all cases of robbery to the grand jury and help to bring the guilty to
justice.

EL PASO CEMENT RATE FIXED BY THE STATE

Austin, Texas, Jan. 24.—The railroad commission today issued orders re-
fusing to grant a special cement rate schedule to the Dallas manufac-
turers and fixing the rate from El Paso to common point territory at 25 cents
per 100 pounds, except the rate to Galveston which is 27 cents per 100 pounds.

EATEN BY 'GATORS WHILE HUNTING DUCKS

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 24.—The search was today renewed for Gustave
Fritchie, aged 40, who is lost in an alligator marsh near Port Arthur and has
been missing since Friday.

Friends fear he was killed and devoured by alligators while hunting
ducks in the marsh.

The Western Live Wire

From the Del Rio News.

Ninety-four pages of well edited and most interesting matter was the
record made by the western live wire last Wednesday, most appropriately
designated the "El Paso Herald Skyscraper edition," indicative of the pres-
ent and future development of the "key of the Rio Grande."

But The Herald does not confine itself to its immediate territory and
is at all times liberal in exploiting the development of the whole southwest.